



Sunday, December 16, 2018

St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Church

A PARISH OF THE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OUTSIDE OF RUSSIA—EASTERN AMERICAN DIOCESE

Great Vespers & Confessions each Saturday at 6 pm – Bible Study each Wednesday at 7 pm – Divine Liturgy each Sunday at 10 am

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Liturgical Services/Activities:

Sun. Dec. 16/Nov. 26 **29th Sunday after Pentecost, Prophet Zephaniah (Sophonias) (635 B.C.)**
9:15 a.m. Choir Practice
9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship Hour

Wed. Dec. 19/Nov. 29 **St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, archbishop of Myra in Lycia (345 AD)**
7:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education Class

Sat. Dec. 22/Dec. 2 **St. Ioasaph, bishop of Belgorod (1754 AD)**
4:30 p.m. Catechumen Class
6:00 p.m. Readers Vespers.

Sun. Dec. 23/Dec. 3 **29th Sunday after Pentecost, Martyrs Menas the Melodius, Hermogenes, and Eugraphus of Alexandria (310 AD)**
9:15 a.m. Choir Practice
9:30 a.m. Reading of the Hours
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy followed by Pot-luck Salmon Bake



Prophet Zephaniah

Attendance

Great Vespers, 12/8 –

Divine Liturgy, 12/9– 57

2018 Finances

The Parish needs \$1756.77 /week to meet budget*

| Week | Amount Received | Difference from amount needed |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Year-to-date | \$ 93,458.62 | + \$ 11,996.89 |
| December 2 | \$ 2,251.90 | + 495.13 |
| December 9 | \$ 1,695.14 | - 61.63 |

Honor the Lord from your righteous labors and offer Him the first fruits from the fruits of righteousness, that your storehouses may be filled with an abundance of grain and your wine presses may gush with wine. j

Intercessory Prayer List

Metropolitan Jonah requests that you send him to full name and general reason for intercessory prayer (such as health or illness, unemployment, family issues, military deployment to Afghanistan, etc.) for his pastoral care. Only the names of the living (and recently deceased) will be included in the prayer list in the weekly bulletin. He also requests that the faithful who have requested intercessory prayers for various persons let him know when there is no longer a specific need for payer, so that we may keep the list current.

LIVING: Met. Jonah, Rebecca Laymon, Judith (Maria) Cook, Ana Rosado-Nazario, Ann Yuschak, Sarah Heitke, Presbyteria Monica Pappas, Paisley Joanna Milligan, Charles Jordan, Emma Nichole Parkinson, Rob Cornwell, Beth Baggett, Claire Heitke, Archpriest Alexander Webster, the Supples family, Robert Jenkins, Sarah Elizabeth Francis, Father Methodius, Donna Colaianne, Archpriest Michael Sekela, Patricia Connerley, Martha Connerley, Kathy Sekela, Mark Laymon, Kristin Blaylock, Janis Sergeant, Millicent Novic, Ray Liddick, Chad Gallagher, Matushka Cindy Joanna Mitchell, Protodeacon Brian Patrick Mitchell, Presvytera Flora Chioros, Father Stanley Voyiazakis, Monk Anthony (West Virginia), Archpriest George Larin, Matushka Masha Potopav, Matushka Sophia Doubleday, Evdokiya Bykon, Kevin McCarthy, James Dunham, James Puckett, Nora Milligan, Archpriest Victor Potapov, Archpriest Theodore Shomsky, Archimandrite Iov (Holy Trinity Monastery), Jo Ann Swift, Abbess Makaria, James and Bryce Wilt, Ryan Wilt, Logan Peters, Sandra Brown, Glen A. Cooper, Kiernan Green, Protodeacon Nicholas Lukianov, Matushka Nadejda Revitsky, Archpriest George Johnson, Lisa King Buka. Richard Buka Sr., Gene King, Larry Terrell, Matushka Larisa Hutnyan, Jackie Leopold, Elaine Baron, Protodeacon Pavel Wolkow, Mother Theodora, Archpriest Alexander Veronis, James Kushiner, Michael Gann, Anders Bjorklund, Maria Papademetriou, Peter and Laura Roshak and baby Mark, Archpriest George Kallaur, Archpriest Paul Ivanov, Christina Spannic, Ksenia Resnikoff, Maximos Andreas Winans, Father Nicholas Pappas, Elizabeth Orlowsky, Conley Rohall, Jean Manco, Katherine Katsikas, Michael Kyle, Julia, Mark, Juanita, Marie Liller, Jessica Anne Swift, Matushka Eugenia Neherbecki, Homer Lewis, James Perry, Debbie Vatisas, George Katsikas, Timothy Vlahos, Vasiliki, Wallace Sullivan, Maria, Yiorgos, Vasiliki, Aggeliki, Ioanna and Konstantinos Dimitrakopoulou, Kaliope Sauter, Maria and Evaggelia Petrelli, Bishop Athanasius, Paul Milligan, Sr., the captive Orthodox bishops from Aleppo, Syria: His Eminence Archbishop Boulos (Yazigi) and Mar Archbishop Youhanna Ibrahim

MEMORY ETERNAL: Olga Thuer, Photios, Theodoros Sakkis, Konstantinos Katsifas



Fellowship Hour

Dec. 16 ~ Fellowship provided by Team 3

Dec. 23 ~ Pot-luck Salmon Bake

If anyone would like to join a team or be put on the list of substitutes, or is interested in hosting a particular Sunday please contact Nancy St. Clair.



Reader Schedule

Dec. 16 ~ Reader Stephen Terrell
Dec. 23 ~ Reader John Raccanello

If you are interested in assisting with the reading and becoming a tonsured reader please contact Deacon Alexander.



Prosfora

Nancy St. Clair is currently providing the Prosfora. If you are interested in helping to make Prosfora for the church, please contact Nancy St. Clair.

We are registered with two broadcast media weather alert systems: (1) television: WJLA-TV (channel 7) and News Channel 8, and (2) radio: WTOP radio (103.5, 103.9, 107.7 – all FM) and WTOP.com Any closings will also be posted on the home page of our website and via email to those who have asked to be on our electronic mailing list.

Readings for the Week of December 16th

Sunday 12/16

John 20:1-10 (7th Matins Gospel)
1 Timothy 1:15-17
Luke 18:18-27

Monday 12/17

Matthew 25:1-13 Matins Gospel
Hebrews 8:7-13
Luke 20:27-44
Tuesday Reading
Hebrews 9:8-10, 15-23
Luke 21:12-19
Galatians 3:23-29 *Great-martyr Barbara*
Mark 5:24-34 *Great-martyr Barbara*

Tuesday 12/18

Luke 6:17-23 Matins Gospel
Galatians 5:22-6:2 Epistle, Saint
Matthew 11:27-30 Gospel, Saint

Wednesday 12/19

John 10:9-16 Matins Gospel
Hebrews 13:17-21 *St. Nicholas*
Luke 6:17-23 *St. Nicholas*

Thursday 12/20

Hebrews 10:35-11:7
Luke 21:28-33
Wednesday Reading
Hebrews 10:1-18
Luke 21:5-7, 10-11, 20-24

Friday 12/21

Hebrews 11:8,11:16
Luke 21:37-22:8

Saturday 12/22

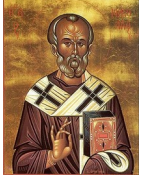
Ephesians 5:1-8
Luke 13:18-29
Galatians 4:22-31 *St. Anna*
Luke 8:16-21 *St. Anna*

St. Herman of Alaska is Celebrating its Patronal Feast!

On December 23rd, St. Herman's will celebrate its patronal feast. After Divine Liturgy we will have a pot-luck Salmon bake. Please come celebrate with us!

Sunday School Winter Break

December 16th is the last Sunday School class of the year, as well as our St. Nicholas party. We will take a break over the Nativity, and will resume on January 13th.



Handyman Needed

New toilet paper holders have been purchased for the restrooms in the Fellowship Hall and need to be installed. Installation will most likely involve drilling holes into the stalls, as the new holders will most likely not line up with the current holes. If someone feels up to the task, please contact Judith. Thank you in advance!

Please help beautify our church for the Nativity!

Poinsettias are needed to decorate the church for Christmas. Please make sure to include a plastic tray to catch the water.

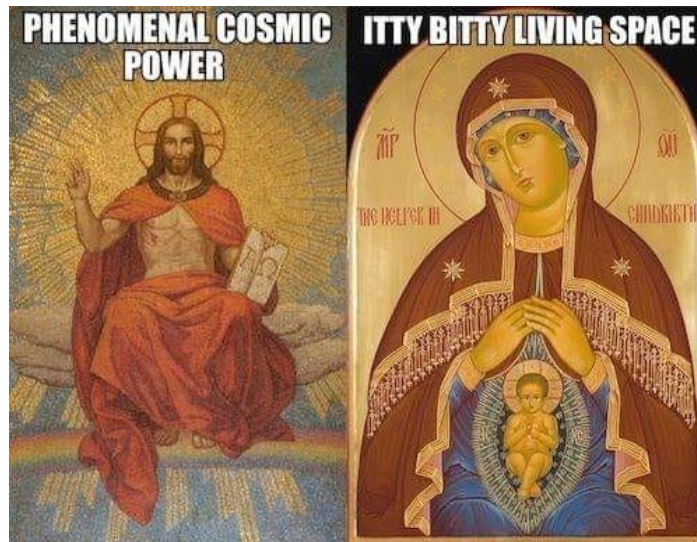


Fellowship Reminder

Please be respectful to those cleaning up after Fellowship. Do not put liquids in the trash cans. There should not be any dishes left in the sink. If you are using mugs instead of the Styrofoam cups it is your responsibility to wash, dry and put them away. Also, If you bring food items please make sure you take them home after coffee hour. We do not want to save them for the following week. With the cold weather coming critters find there way inside and love feasting on food items laying around.

"The human mind is given the rational power of God – we have the mind of Christ (Cor. 2, 16), says the Holy apostle Paul. To the human heart, the heart of Christ is given. The perishable is made immortal. Those naked and wounded by sin and by passions are adorned in Divine glory. Those who hunger and thirst are sated and assuaged by the nourishing and soul-strengthening Word of God and by the most pure Body and Divine Blood of Christ. The inconsolable are consoled. Those ravaged by the devil have been – and continue to be – delivered."

+ St. John of Kronstadt, Sermon on the Nativity of Jesus Christ



"Children, I beseech you to correct your hearts and thoughts, so that you may be pleasing to God. Consider that although we may reckon ourselves to be righteous and frequently succeed in deceiving men, we can conceal nothing from God. Let us therefore strive to preserve the holiness of our souls and to guard the purity of our bodies with all fervor. Ye are the temple of God, says the divine Apostle Paul; If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy."

+ St. Nicholas of Myra, [The Great Collection of the Lives of the Saints](#) by St. Demetrius of Rostov